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SUBJ: MORE ON SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10, FIJIAN PRIMIN WAS ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH AROSE AT FORUM, WITH EMPHASIS ON REPORTED DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION LEADER SENATOR WILLESEE (REFTEL). PRIMIN DENIED THERE WAS MAJOR SPLIT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND PACIFIC ISLAND MEMBERS OF FORUM. HE CONCEDED DISAGREEMENT ON MANY OTHER ISSUES.

2. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS FROM TONGA THAT AUSTRALIA IS CONSIDERING LEAVING FORUM, PRIMIN SAID THIS WAS QUESTION FOR AUSTRALIA TO DECIDE, ADDING THAT FORUM WILL FLOURISH WITH OR WITHOUT AUSTRALIA AS MEMBER. ON REPORT THAT SENATOR WILLESEE HAD CALLED FORUM A WASTE OF HIS AND AUSTRALIA'S TIME, PRIMIN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT REMARK AND ADDED HE FEELS HIS TIME IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS SENATOR'S. ON REPORTED COMPLAINTS BY SOLOMON ISLANDS CHIEF MINISTER SOLOMON MAMALONI ABOUT WORK OF FORUM, PRIMIN SAID CHIEF MINISTER MAY HAVE FOUND LESS TO
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COMPLAIN ABOUT IT HE HAD ATTENDED MORE OF FORUM SESSIONS.

3. SPOKESMAN FOR AUSTRALIAN HICOM IN SUVA SAID JULY 10
AUSTRALIA HAS NO INTENTION OF LEAVING FORUM AND IS ANXIOUS
TO EXTEND ITS ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL ROLE IN AREA.
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